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SUBJECT: QUAI COMMENTS ON CYPRUS

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1. LIKE EMBASSY NICOSIA (REF A) REUILLARD, QUAI OFFICER RESPONSIBLE GREEK-TURKISH-CYPRUS AFFAIRS, ALSO STRESSES "CRUCIAL" IMPORTANCE QUAI ATTACHES TO NOT LETTING WALDHEIM BECOME DISCOURAGED OVER OR DISENGAGED FORM CYPRUS PROBLE AT THIS STAGE.

2. USING ANALYSIS ROUGHLY PARALLELING REFTELS' REUILLARD ARGUED THAT FRENCH SEE CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS AT NEW CROSS-ROADS. IF SECOND AND THIRD LEVEL TECHNICAL ISSUES ARE NOW PERMITTED TO BRING CURRENT EXCHANGE TO
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STANDSTILL FRENCH FEAR THA FORESEEABLE PROBLEMS OF CON-

GRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF US AGREEMENTS WITH GREECE AND TURKEY WILL BECOME EVEN MORE DIFFICULT, POSSIBLY EVEN INSURMOUNTABLE. AS A RESULT, ENTIRE SITUATION MAY BECOME UNSTUCK AGAIN. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DEPLORABLE IN VIEW MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS US HAS NOW MADE IN NEGOTIATION OF GREEK AND TURKISH ACCORDS AND IN MATTER OF NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT.

3. BEYOND TACTICAL EFFORTS SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED REF B, FRENCH THEMSELVES HAVE NO BRIGHT NEW IDEAS OF A BASIC NATURE. REUILLARD ARGUED THAT ON CONTRARY, ONLY OPTION OPEN TO US IS TO CONTINUE TO PLUG AWAY AT SQUEEZING NEW LIFE ONTO EXISTING SITUATION TO GET IT THROUGH CURRENT IMPASSE. SPECIFICALLY, THIS MEANS, FIRST, TO CONTINUE TO IMPRESS ON WALDHEIM IN CLEARER TERMS IMPORTANCE OF VIGOROUSLY CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS: AND SECONDLY, TO MAKE FURTHER TRIES TO MOVE TURKS TOWARD MORE COOPERATIVE POSTURE, PARTICULARLY ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE. IN QUAI VIEW TURKS HAVE ALREADY MELLOWED CONSIDERABLY ON THIS POINT, TO EXTENT THAT QUAI NOW SEEMS TO BELIEVE THAT ANKARA SEES CYPRUS ISSUE ALMOST AS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIABILITY.

4. QUAI ALSO CONCLUDES (OR AT LEAST TELLS US) THAT US IS IN BEST POSITION EXERT LEVERAGE AT HIS POINT, BOTH WITH WALDHEIM AND WITH TURKS. AS EVIDENCED USUN 1840 JUST RECEIVED, FRENCH APPARENTLY NEVERTHELESS ALSO WILLING EXPEND SOME THEIR OWN POLITICAL CAPITAL IN NEW YORK THESE ENDS AND SUPPORT EC EFFORT PRESAGED LUXEMBOURG'S 421.
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